NATIONAL FAMILY WEEK — MAY 4 - 11

Theme: "Brotherhood Begins At Home"

CONGREGATIONAL KANSAS

APRIL 1952

S. O. S.

Just received an airmail letter from Bert Faurot who is now at Kobe College in Japan. Bert is a Kansas boy from Smith Center who went out to China in 1940 where he taught music and the Christian Way of Life until about a year ago when he had to leave Communist China. Since then he has been working at Kobe College.

While on furlough in 1946 he spent two weeks at Wa-Shun-Ga at our Pilgrim Fellowship Camps. Since then three of his music pupils have given leadership to our camps: Irene Hsueh, Chia Lu Lee and Helen Lee.

Now he writes of two worthy young people who want to come to America for further study. Tommy Takami of Japan is coming to Doane with the help of the Nebraska P.F. Frederic Chang of Formosa has scholarship offers from Sterling College, Sterling, Kansas or Bethany College at Lindsborg, but he can not come without further financial help.

Are there churches, women's groups or youth groups who would like to help on this, as an extra project? If so, write at once so we can get word to Bert Faurot before May first when he plans to go to Formosa to see Frederic Chang.

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Supplies Needed In India

Under a special agreement between the government of India and the government of the United States, supplies desperately needed in India may be sent duty free for a limited period. Freight charges will be paid by the U.S., from U.S. ports to ports of entry in India. All gifts are to be used for benefit of the poor and needy and must be distributed irrespective of race, caste or creed. Nothing can be sold in India.

Included in the list of permissable articles are medical supplies and equipment, agricultural equipment, food and clothing. Such packages should be sent to Congregational-Christian Service Committee, 110 E. 29th St., New York 16, New York, and should be received there by May 15 marked for India.

This is an emergency and an opportunity to help supplies reach India for use during the famine months. Will you help? This special permission expires in June, 1952.

Regarding Kansas Eating Places

Have you conducted your Social Action Survey? Send reports to Mrs. E. E. Erickson, 1910 Gage Blvd., Topeka, Social Action Chairman for The Women's Department.

Ford Reports

Open house was held in the newly improved parsonage on March 26. A number of useful gifts were presented to the Rev. Frank Raef, minister. A new filmstrip and slide projector, record player and screen are helping greatly in education thru audio-visual materials. A Vacation Church School is being planned cooperatively with the Methodists for June. Special Bible study classes are conducted one night each month by the pastor.

(Photo Courtesy Wichita Eagle)

Leaders At Area Meeting

(Left to right, seated): Dr. L. M. Rymph, Kansas Superintendent; Mrs. Herbert Dittner, Women's President of Central South Conference, Goltry, Oklahoma; Mrs. E. C. Garrison, Kansas Women's President of Osborne; Mrs. John W. Gibson, Kansas Moderator of Wichita; Rev. Royal Gibson, Superintendent of Central South, Oklahoma City. (Standing): Mr. Chester Bidleman, Chairman Kansas Laymen's Fellowship, Kinsley; Mr. Frank Korab, Candidate for Moderator of General Council, Kansas City; Mr. Gordon Jones, Kansas Stewardship Chairman, Wichita; Rev. Frank Edwards, Secretary Missions Council, Chicago; Mr. William Kinkaid Newman, Secretary Church Building Department, New York City; Mr. A. L. Landrith, Central South Laymen's Fellowship Chairman, Waynoka, Oklahoma; Mr. E. C. Wedell, Board Member, National Laymen's Fellowship, Great Bend.

On March 26, Pilgrim Church in Wichita was host to an area meeting of leaders from our Kansas Conference and the Central South Conference which includes Congregational-Christian Churches in Oklahoma, Texas and West Louisiana. Leadership for the meeting was given by Mr. William Kinkaid Newman of New York and Rev. Frank Edwards of Chicago. More than forty key people attended the all-day meeting.

New Churches Needed

Within the next ten years our Fellowship must build 220 new churches if it to accept its share of the task faced by all of Protestantism. The Census Bureau estimates that by 1959 the population of this country will increase by thirty million. The Wichita meeting was called to give consideration to a campaign for funds to make possible a Church Building Fund adequate to meet the needs. (Continued on page 4)

Let's Observe Rural Life

By Louis G. Poppe

Kansas Conference Predominantly Rural

Now in April we find 90 churches in the Kansas Congregational-Christian Conference, 64% (58 churches) of which are in towns of less than 2500 population on down to the open country churches such as Pleasant Hill, Pleasant Home, Olive Hill, Cumberland, and Neola.But our rural-mindedness neither begins nor ends there. Of the remaining 32 churches, all are in county-seat towns with the exception of Ellis which is hardly out of the rural range with a population of 2653 (so says my $1.25 Rand McNally 1951 Road Atlas.) As to those county-seat towns we may allow the churches in Kansas City, in Wichita and two of those in Topeka to claim fairly complete urban standing. The remainder have a definite responsibility to their surrounding communities.

County-Seat Church Responsibility

Because the county-seat town is generally also the largest town in the county, much of the rural population consistently finds itself there on occasion; and because it is the standard locus of many activities for these people, such as the educational, financial, legal, judicial and cultural aspects of life, does it not seem natural that the county-seat churches ought to consider themselves as central points for rural religious emphasis?

All Need Rural Life Emphasis

Regardless of location however, every church in Kansas ought to pay some attention to the observance of Rural Life Sunday which normally falls on the fifth Sunday after Easter, on the third Sunday of May this year. Some of the ministers may wish to hold forth on the beauty of nature. That is fine. But it is better to emphasize the basic integrity of the rural community or to present the relationship between the stability of a rural society and the more fluent patterns which an increasingly urban civilizations brings with it.

Rural Churches Are Positive Factors

Rural churches are not stepping stones to Riverside Church for aspiring preachers, they the the strongholds of our way of life, and their members ought to be proud of the part which they have to play in the "manifest destiny" of our great land. On Sunday May 18, or whatever other Sunday is suitable, our town and country churches (including those in county-seats) will have a chance to take their own pulse-beat and if the city churches will listen to the heart-throb of Urban America, they will discover that every metropolis has a tempo that is unmistakeably rural.

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Leaders At Area Meeting

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The purpose of area meetings all across the country was to get a concensus of opinion. esults will be studied and definite recommendations will be voted upon at the General Council meeting in Claremont, California, June 18-25. The two new churches in Kansas, Colonial Church in Prairie Village and Wichita Pilgrim could not have been realized had it not been for substantial help from the Church Building Department. Similar projects in Kansas and across the nation are greatly needed. The hope is to set up a program to make this possible.

The Rev. Theodore N. Goodale

Kansas City First Pilgrim Calls Interim Minister

Returning to Kansas the middle of April at the call of First Pilgrim, Kansas City is the Rev. Mr. Goodale of Old South Church, Windsor, Vermont. Mr. Goodale was born in Kansas City, Missouri and took his A.B. degree from the University of Kansas City. He is a graduate of Andover Newton Seminary and has since held pastorates at Vineland and Windsor, Vermont.

Mr. Goodale comes to us highly recommended with a majority of stars on his appraisal sheet in the "excellent" column. A former parishoner wrote: "Exceptional sermons—had reputation in this town of saying more in his sermons in less time, than any other pastor." Mrs. Goodale is gifted musically as an organist and singer, a good leader in Church School and excellent with youth groups.

The Goodale's have no children, but will be accompanied to Kansas City by his mother who is looking forward to returning to the midwest, with a great deal of pleasure.

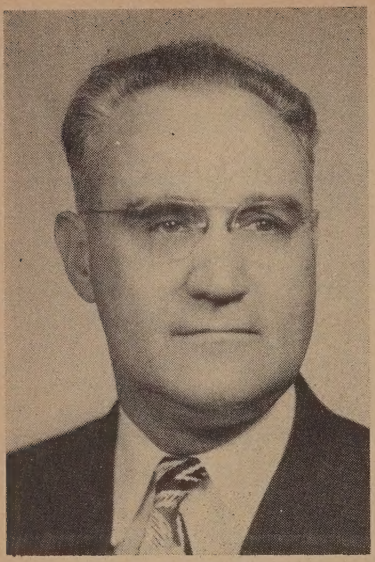
Church School Sharing Project

When the Religious Education Committee of Garden City planned a Family Night as outlined in the Manual for the winter quarter, "The fathers won't come" was repeated over and over. Well, they did come, and the mothers also. In spite of measles and other current illnesses, some classes had 100% attendance of parents. All were glad to have a better idea of the way the Pilgrim Series presents the teaching of the Life of Christ at the level of each age group. A visit to the classroom of each child was followed by a "Time of Sharing" when each teacher had some bit of teaching for the quarter to share with the group. Songs and handwork were included as well as the more serious side of the classwork. The staff includes 10 women and 6 men. Other schools will be glad to know that two fathers who cannot teach all the time alternate Sundays. A Junior class is taught by a father and a mother (husband and wife). The Adult class served the light lunch and thus left the parents and teachers free to participate in the program. Attendance was well over 100.

—Rev. A. H. Bartter

Downs Reports

The Fidelas Club served pancakes and sausages to more than 300 on Shrove Tuesday, February 26. With Mrs. A. H. Yost as committee chairman, the group planned and carried out this successful project; they intend to make it an annual affair.



Rev. Reuben R. Trickey

"How Near Is God?"

In a book on "Mountain Climbing" the author describes a wonderful experience of two men who had done a great deal of mountain climbing. These men had shared the thrills, the companionship, and the hazards of scaling the rocky and snow clad slopes of many a mountain peak. On their last expedition together they ascended the side of the mountain together until nightfall, at which time they pitched a tent for the night on a rocky, windswept ledge. During the night one of the men suffered a slight heart attack, making it impossible for him to continue the ascent. The next morning his companion set out alone. He waved goodbye as he swung into his stride, ascending the almost perpendicular wall, by making hand and foot holds with his small pick, when his strength was waning, holding so close to rock—he dared not take a full breath for fear he might lose his balance. He reached for a wafer to sustain him. So close was the feeling of companionship with that of his friend, he unconsciously handed down a portion to his friend, only to remember that he was not there.

Our Lord always had this feeling of close companionship with His Heavenly Father. In times of stress, God was always near him.

One author has said, "Go out into the darkness, put your hand into the hand of God, that shall be to you better than a light and safer than a known way."

In my own experience, as a driver of ammunition trucks on the Western Front, I had no light, I had no known way. But he (God) helped me guide the great load of Gas shells around the craterous shell holes.

When Jesus went into the Garden on that night that he was betrayed, the shadows were deep about him, the moon had hidden behind the clouds, but Jesus was not afraid. He placed his hand into the hand of God and walked with Him.

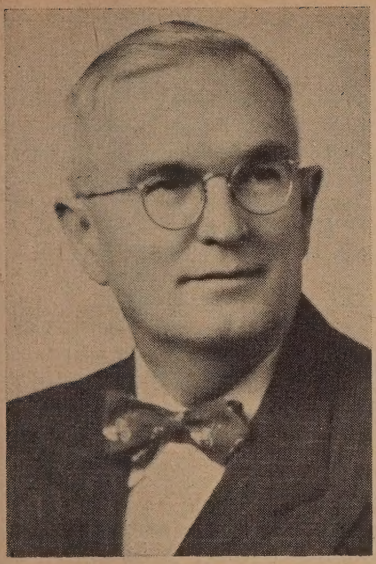
Our Lord felt near to his Heavenly Father while going up the rocky road to Calvary, that was why he neither fainted nor fell. He did not trust his fainted nor fell.

How near is the Heavenly Father to you?

Sometimes I question if God was ever farther away from daily human consciousness than he is just now. There are people who shrug the shoulder when you tell them you have pressed the hand of God.

But, others unconsciously share the wafer of Companionship with God.

—Rueben R. Trickey,
Interim Minister
Kansas City Welborn



Rev. Darley Downs of Japan
State Conference Guest

Kansas Speaker

In addition to giving leadership at our State Conference sessions in Emporia, the Rev. Darley Downs will speak in several churches in the state. On May 8 he will be at Wakefield and on May 9 at Manhattan. On Sunday May 11 he will be guest of our church at Garden City, his boyhood home.

Mt. Hope World Day of Prayer

This community-wide observance was well attended with the Y-Teens joining in the service. Under the direction of their sponsor, Mrs. Irwin Beal the skit, "Mother Liberty's Children" by Mrs. Welthy Fisher, was impressively given. A quartet from the Y-Teens sang several negro spirituals.

Good Friday At St. Marys

Union Good Friday service was held at the Congregational Church in St. Marys under the leadership of the Rev. Harald Wisegarver, minister.

"In His Steps"

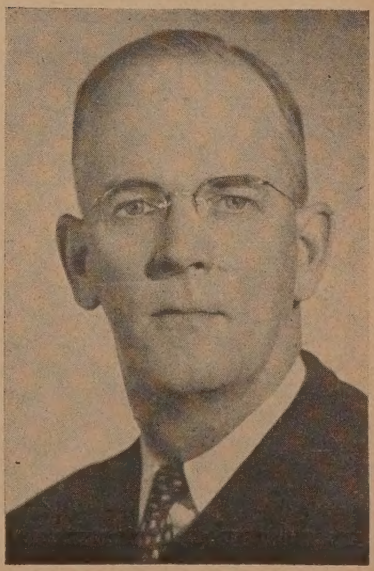
Dramatization of this famous story was presented at Central Church, Topeka, April 5 and 6 under the direction of Miss Miriam Franklin.

It's A Boy

Timothy Charles, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Paul Nicely of Topeka Central arrived on Sunday, March 9.

Hutchinson Reports

Ninety men enjoyed fellowship at a Brotherhood dinner on February 18, when the men of our church entertained their Catholic and Jewish friends. A movie projector and a filmstrip and slide projector have recently been purchased. More than 100 attended the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper by the P.F.



Dr. Alfred W. Swan,
State Conference Guest

Kansas Women's Department

Mrs. E. C. Garrison, President

"The Guide Book Came To Life"

That was just what happened in the fellowship of nearly thirty women at the State Parsonage, March 17 and 18. It was the meeting of the Board of the Women's Department of the State Conference of Kansas. I was there as a substitute for one who could not attend. "I was a stranger and they took me in."

Food For Body and Soul

Food and fellowship made the meetings memorable. As guests of the Board members from Topeka for lunch, and of the Rymph's for breakfast, and a dinner with the Kansas Council of Church Women, we received much good food for the body. Everyone found time to renew old friendships as well as make new ones. Mrs. Will Clevenger, Chairman of the Spiritual Life Committee led us from the chatter and "houseparty" atmosphere to a renewed dedication toward the serious responsibilities we face as leaders.

The President's Report

There was never a dull moment as Mrs. E. C. Garrison reported on her first Mid-Winter Meeting of state and national denominational leaders. Several national leaders would have been interested in her word pictures of them. She wanted us to know some of the names we had all read about in *Advance*. "Make No Little Plans" was the often repeated suggestion as she presided over the sessions. Each committee chairman sharpened our thinking as she helped us to see how the total program could come to life in the local church. That little Guide Book may not look like dynamite; but if it is USED it can change a dull, ordinary group to one in truth, a "Highway For Our God."

Christian Education

During the discussion on CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, we considered the need for care in the selection of those who are to receive the annual scholarships. We were warned to guard lest the Sunday Schools might think we wanted to "run them." Always we are faced with the need for more and better trained leadership in the local church. Mrs. Chester Bidleman encouraged us to take our husband to Le Foret (ask your minister about it) for a vacation which adds training as a delightful feature. Frances Brewster could hardly keep from reading us bits of the Study Books. Just to have them in your hand is sure to make you want to read them. The $64.00 question for the local church is, "How do we get them into the hands of our people?" Pauline Bloomer reminded us that her part in this whole process is to help with visual aids and in any other way she can. A committee in each church would seem an essential.

Other Departments

Mrs. Elmer Erickson wanted us informed about Social Action. Just talking about issues such as race, UMT (not dead yet) and Ambassador to the Vatican, is not enough. Let's thank our congressmen when they vote right.

Mrs. Elizabeth James urged us to repeat almost as a chorus "Within the State, Across the Nation, and Around the World" until no woman could ask again, "But where does THE WOMAN'S GIFT go?" That little box on the dressing table gives us a fine opportunity to say, "Thank you, God" with a coin for his many gifts to us.

THE MEMORIAL FUND is something new to me. It is a special in Kansas. Mrs. Gordon Lancaster made me want to help the women within our churches see that they may add the name of a woman loved in former years, to the Honor Roll, and that a gift sent at the time of death by the Fellowship Courtesy Committee, can mean far more than flowers ever could.

Yes, the Guide Book came to life. I know much more about the work the Congregational Christian women of Kansas are doing. I wish you could have been there. Let's hope that they find a way to have a meeting when the Board can share the weighty discussions with the Presidents of local women's groups. I would hope that they might invite the minister's wife as well.

Until that day, you will want to read the Gray GUIDEBOOK and USE it.

—Mrs. Alfred H. Bartter

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In Memory

As evidence of the love and respect of those who knew them, the following names have been added to the Women's Department Memorial Fund Roll of Honor.

Mrs. Emma Davis
Mrs. Carrie Walworth
By Towanda Women's Fellowship

Mrs. M. W. Allen
Mrs. W. J. Bilson
Miss Mary Hunter
Mrs. Frank Maxon
By Eureka Plymouth Guild

Mrs. Mabel Plumer
Mrs. Mary Severance
Mrs. Lettie Taylor
By Sedgwick Plymouth Guild

Mrs. Ella S. Capps
Mrs. Warren M. Crosby, Sr.
Mrs. John S. Dean
Mrs. D. E. Esterly
Mrs. J. E. Hupman
Mrs. Homer Ray
Mrs. H. L. Shirer
Mrs. C. T. Stowell
Miss Maude Tegart
By Topeka First Women's Federation

Mrs. J. W. Nicholson
Mrs. Arnold Muhlheim
By Ellis Ladies' Aid

Mrs. Flora Fisher
By Kansas City Rosedale Women's Guild

Reverend Annie Switzer
By Osborne Women's Association

Mrs. Vinnie Berry
Mrs. Elizabeth Lawson
Mrs. Clara Rogers
Mrs. Ida Kelly
By Wichita Fairmount Women's Guild

Mrs. Warren Wilson
of Topeka Central
By Myrtle K. Graves of Emporia First

Mrs. H. R. Tillotson
By Lenora Women's Fellowship

Mrs. Ora Adams
Mrs. Isabelle Crouch
By Maple Hill Women's Fellowship

Mrs. M. W. Sterling
By Lawrence Plymouth Women

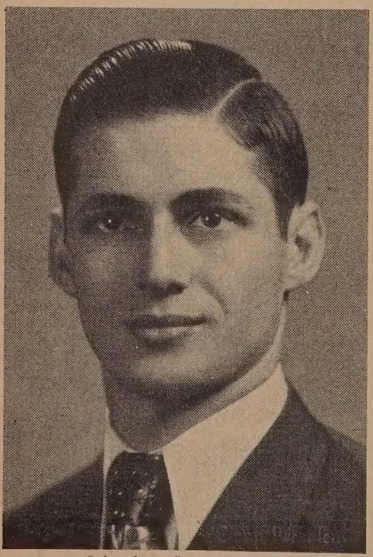
Kansas Pilgrim Fellowship

Harry Schanker, President

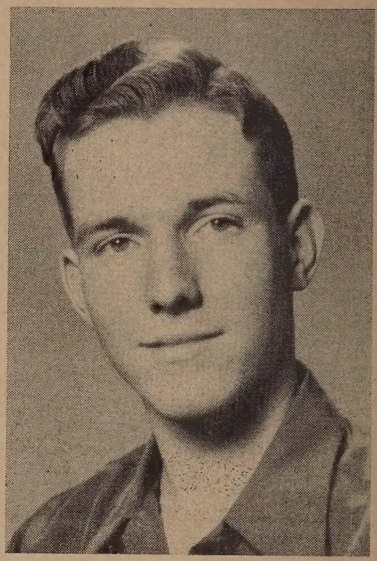
Margaret Wilson, Secretary

"Camp - I Love It"

"There is no ONE reason why I love camp. It's just a lot of little things that have firmly fastened Camp Wa-Shun-Ga in my heart forever. Little things—like singing the blessing before meals; like meeting new friends from all over Kansas — like dashing out to get in line at the camp store; like swimming and boating and laughing a lot; like scampering up the cliffs and over the whole 17 acre campground;like joining hands in the solemn campfire circle songs; and finally, like climbing Vision Hill to the Communion Service—the communion that signifies the end of a perfect week and a longer, clearer look ahead." Senior Camp, June 1-7 — Junior Hi Camp, June 8-14.



Harry Schanker, Jr. - Camp President
National Council Delegate

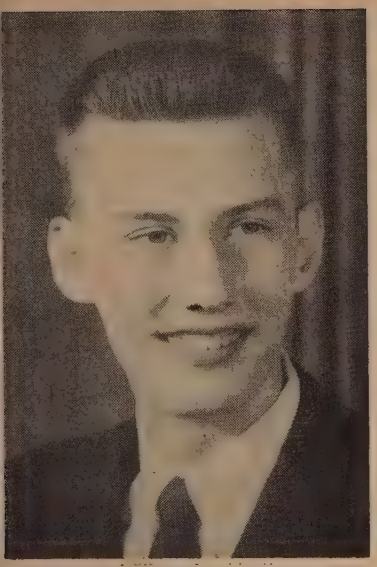


David Cutting - Western President
National Council Delegate

National Council

The 8th National Council of Pilgrim Fellowship will be held at Claremont, California June 26-July 2. This big event takes place every two years and is a high point in P.F. history. Since the organization of Pilgrim Fellowship in 1934, Kansas has been well represented at National Council meetings. Each state is entitled to five voting delegates—four youth and one adult.

In 1950 Uncle Elmer Erickson took Jim Bass, Roger Milberger, Nancy Hubbard and Dave McMullen to the meeting in Milwaukee. This summer Uncle Elmer will again transport our Kansas delegation—this time to Claremont.



Norky Jones - Southern President
National Council Delegate

Because decision had to be made early—before spring rallies, the Central Committee met in Topeka and recommended three delegates representative of the three associations. These recommendations, when approved by the Association Officers were made official and all have expressed a willingness to go. They are: Harry Schanker, Jr. of Eastern, Norky Jones of Southern and Dave Cutting of Western. The State President elected at camp will be the fourth official delegate. Aunt Polly Bloomer plans to attend also.

It will be a great trip—but not all play. A new plan for commissions will be decided upon, the P.F. program for the coming two years will be planned, ideas will be shared and Christian beliefs and practices discussed. But there will be time for sightseeing in Hollywood and along the coast.

Great Bend

During Lent, the Rev. Henry Eden Wright gave a series of studies to both P.F. groups on "A Bird's Eye View of the Bible." The groups helped with a Youth Council Easter Sunrise service.

Maple Hill

The Jr. P.F. sponsored a Community Talent Review for which they charged a quarter and a dime admission and netted $46.24 for their Youth Center fund.

Onaga

Wheaton Pilgrims invited Onaga Pilgrims for a supper meeting March 15.

Orchids to Wichita Fairmount

The Fairmount Guild netted $84.50 profit on the food at the State Rally last fall and recently their sponsor George Caldwell sent the full amount to be used as extra on the Missionary Action State Goal. This generosity on the part of Wichita Fairmount is greatly appreciated. We will need several extras if we make our $2,000 goal by camp time. Has your group made and paid a pledge?

Hi Neighbor, What's Cooking?

The title pertains to a P.F. visitation program. Last Labor Day at Topeka we talked about how much fun it would be if we could visit each other, get better acquainted, share program experiences, and maybe eat hamburgers together, Well, here in Southern Association, we decided to do something about it. Norky Jones, our genial President, and Doris Ann Bonnell, our lovely Secretary, and yours truly have been visiting neighbors the last few months. Earlier we went to Partridge, and more recently we had a wonderful time at McPherson.

—John Rossell, Southern Sponsor

Christian Education

Pauline Bloomer, Director

Let's Celebrate

Church	5¢
Your Town	
Rev. John Sigrah,	
Trust Territory of the Pacific, USA	
Kusaie, Micronesia	

Just one hundred years ago the first company of missionaries landed in Micronesia. This year there will be big celebrations on the Islands of Kusaie and Ponape, commemorating the event. Those of you who heard Dr. Harold Hanlin, former skipper on MORNING STAR VI, know how much this event will mean. You will also recall that Rev. John Sigrah is the famous King John he referred to. All Congregational Christian Churches are urged to join the Micronesians in celebrating this anniversary. Each church or church school should send a message of congratulation, good will and Christian fellowship to the above address between now and June 30.

If you wish to have an Anniversary Program in your church, send 15¢ to Missions Council, 14 Beacon St., Boston for the special Micronesian Envelope Series. A new filmstrip, "Parish in the Pacific" is available from the Conference office.

Let's join hands with the Micronesians in this celebration and keep the Morning Star afloat.

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OBSERVE RURAL LIFE SUNDAY
May 18 with the
ALL-CHURCH PROJECT
"We Plow The Fields and Scatter The Good Seed."

Spring Institutes Cancelled

Due to unavoidable circumstances, Miss Mildred Widber is unable to come to Kansas, April 24 to May 5. An effort was made to secure other leadership, but without success. We hope to obtain leadership for a similar setup this fall.

At State Conference

There will be a fine selection of religiuos books on sale for children, young people, teachers and ministers. A selection of audio-visual materials will also be on hand for preview and information.

In Appreciation

We wish to thank Mrs. Heinz Schwarz, Onaga and Mrs. C. E. Georgeson, Lenora for the time and service given in helping on Vacation School Clinic teams. Mrs. Herman Bruhn, Whitewater was selected to help, but had to resign because of illness.

Children's Day

A lovely service by Frances Eastman, "We Would See Jesus" appears in the Spring Program Manual. It gives opportunity for the pupils of the Church School to share with the congregation some of their year's study of the "Life of Christ."

For many years special offerings on Children's Day have made possible the Student Summer Service program across the country. Thru this program devoted college and seminary students go out to conduct Vacation Church Schools or give leadership in pastorless churches. Fine work has been accomp-

lished in Kansas by S.S.S. workers in recent years. Again this summer a team will be working among the churches and Miss Evelyn Richards will spend the entire sumer helping at our new Wichita Pilgrim Church.

We urge our churches to observe Children's Day with a worth-while program and take a special offering for Student Summer Service. Offering envelopes are available from Missions Council, 287 Fourth Avenue, N.Y.

Let The Couples Do It

The 3C (Congregational Church Club) is a lively group of couples at Wakefield who keep things astir. They meet once a month in homes for a covered dish supper, business, program planning and recreation. They have worked up several programs, worked onEMC, taken on a variety of jobs on improving the church which include repairing pews, tables and departmental furniture. They also sponsor an outstanding movie once a month, since there is none in Wakefield.

The PAT McDONALD Club in Garden City is made up of about fifty couples and a few single individuals. They meet once a month at the church for supper and varied programs. They too have carried on building improvement projects. This group is unique in that the church sponsors it, but it is interdominational and interfaith in aspect.

Towanda Juniors

The Junior girls and their church school teacher, Mrs. Orval Clark, have been making good use of after-school hours. They collected and packed a box of pictures for Fort Berthold. They had such a good time they are now looking for other things to do for a missionary project. Their teacher says, "It's a job to keep ahead of these enthusiastic girls. The Women's Fellowship sent clothing to Fort Berthold.

Western Association Workshop

The first Pilgrim Series Workshop, sponsored by the State Christian Education Committee was held at Almena, March 30. Mrs. C. E. Georgeson, a member of the State C. E. Committee took the initiative in contacting local churches and worked out details of the program which carried through the evening. Rev. A. J. Goodson and the women of the Almena Church were hosts and served the evening meal. The program was set up to demonstrate practical aspects of our curriculum through methods, creative activities, audio-visuals, and other resources. Churches participating were Lenora and Almena. If you are interested in having such a workshhop in your church write the Conference Office.

Postponed Clinics

Due to the snowstorm in March several Vacation School Clinics sponsored by the Kansas Council of Churches could not be held. One will be held at the Ottawa Methodist on April 22, and at First Congregational in Emporia on April 23. We urge our churches in these areas to get leaders to these worthwhile sessions.

Parents and Teachers

"Security for Young Children" is a new book which shows how to help children gain inner security. Many photographs make this 112-page book especially appealing. Just off Pilgrim Press at $1.25.

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REMEMBER
LA FORET LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP
JULY 30 - AUGUST 3

Kansas Laymen's Fellowship

Chester Bidleman, Chairman

Planning Session

On Saturday, March 22, laymen met at the State Parsonage to chart the course of the Kansas Laymen's Fellowship. Those present were: Mr. Chester Bidleman of Kinsley, Chairman; Mr. Charles Armstrong of Muscotah, Secretary-Treasurer; Mr. E. C. Wedell of Great Bend, Mr. Frank Korab of Kansas City, Mr. Wm. Manspeaker, Mr. F. W. Epps, Mr. R. C. Obrecht and Supt. L. M. Rymph of Topeka.

A constitution was drawn up to provide for the regulation of the fellowship, the officers and their elections and a statement of purpose. This will be presented at the laymen's meeting in Emporia for adoption on May 7. A tentative budget was drawn up.

Plans were made for three Churchmanship Schools each year; one in each association. Work was begun on a Lay Pulpit List which it is hoped can cover all sections of the state. As soon as confirmation is secured, the list will be published so churches can feel free to call on the lay leadership nearest them when in need of a lay speaker or pulpit supply. A Laymen's Sunday will be observed next fall on a nationally chosen date when we hope laymen will fill most of our Kansas pulpits.

It is hoped that an active men's group can be organized in each local church. Several good groups have been established this year. Please send news of your group to Mr. Chester Bidleman, Kinsley, Kansas.

The group made further plans for promoting the election of Frank Korab as Moderator of the General Council.

The meeting adjourned on Saturday night in time for all to see the KU-St. Louis Basketball game on TV at the Manspeaker home.

"Like A Mighty Army"

Editor: *The Christian Century*

Sir: I met the pastor of St. John's-by-the-Gas-Station last Monday. He was all lit up—not alcoholically but emotionally. I said, "You must have been pretty good yesterday."

"Better than that," he replied. "I had a guest artist take over. And he took everybody over."

"How come?" I asked.

"It was Layman's Sunday. Usually, that Sunday brings joy, like a visit to the dentist. A good thing, but better to look back on than forward to. This year I slipped one over on them. You know Jimmy Mitchell, just back from two years' in the army in Korea? I figured he would give Layman's Sunday a shot in the arm, but I didn't reckon on him blowing the place up. He refused at first. Then, with a funny light in his eye, he said he would speak if I had the congregation sing "Onward, Christian Soldiers" just before he began. So I had them give forth with song, and then Jimmy let loose. He didn't waste any time in shadow-boxing. He waded hight in. This is what he said:

"You have been singing:

Like a mighty army
Moves the church of God.

That must have been all right once. The trouble is now that just about ten million men know exactly how an army moves. An it doesn't move the way a lot of you folks in church do—or do not. Suppose the army accepted

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Our Christian World Mission

1952 GIVING TO APRIL 1

Church	1952 O.C.W.M.	Paid	1952 Per Capita
Almena	$ 375.00	$	$ 25.80
Anthony	600.00	.....	22.05
Ash Rock	50.00	.....	7.80
Athol	100.00	.....	10.80
Carbondale	100.00	33.00	12.00
Centralia	300.00	.....	17.10
Cora	50.00	.....	3.00
Coun. Grove	300.00	100.00	21.45
Cumberland	20.00	.....	5.40
Dover	100.00	.....	36.75
Downs	250.00	62.50	17.85
Ellis	300.00	.....	35.85
Emporia 1st	1,350.00	50.00	66.45
Sardis	200.00	.....	15.90
Eureka	500.00	178.67	35.25
*Ford	400.00	100.00	21.90
Garden City	800.00	.....	45.30
Garfield	150.00	.....	10.65
Gaylord	100.00	.....	15.15
Great Bend	2,000.00	333.34	80.85
Haven	300.00	75.00	9.60
Hiawatha	80.00	18.75	7.80
Hutchinson	400.00	100.00	38.70
Independence	200.00	.....	16.35
Kansas City			
1st Pilg.	600.00	150.00	45.90
Pra. Vil.	1,250.00	191.82	43.95
Rosedale	400.00	.....	44.10
Ruby	500.00	83.40	32.40
* Welborn	1,000.00	223.80	76.20
Kinsley	500.00	.....	31.65
Kiowa	150.00	75.00	22.80
Kirwin	50.00	.....	14.55
Lawrence	4,300.00	1,075.00	119.55
Leavenworth	360.00	90.00	20.25
Lenora	300.00	.....	27.45
Leona	50.00	.....	6.60
Lincoln	100.00	.....	22.65
Little River	200.00	200.00	20.40
McPherson	1,000.00	.....	59.10
Maize	150.00	.....	16.50
Manhattan	2,000.00	600.00	58.20
Maple Hill	400.00	.....	20.85
Matfield Gr.	50.00	.....	6.60
Milford	300.00	150.00	16.65
Mt. Hope	500.00	.....	54.60
Mound City	50.00	.....	10.50
Muscotah	150.00	.....	23.70
Neola	50.00	.....	4.20
Newton	500.00	50.00	20.70
Olive Hill	100.00	.....	13.35
Onaga	200.00	100.00	29.70
Oronoque	50.00	.....	2.85
Osborne	800.00	.....	24.45
Ottawa	500.00	125.00	11.85
Partridge	400.00	.....	40.50
Pauline	50.00	.....	2.25
Pleasant Hill	80.00	.....	9.75
Pleas't Home	600.00	300.00	13.35
Plevna	120.00	.....	20.55
Russell	500.00	125.00	37.20
Sabetha	1,600.00	.....	68.10
Sedgwick	200.00	.....	18.75
Seneca	150.00	.....	27.90
Smith Cent.	300.00	.....	21.90
*Stanley	300.00	75.00	26.10
St. Marys	50.00	8.95	2.85
Stockton	300.00	.....	13.05
*Tonganoxie	300.00	75.00	22.80
Topeka Cen.	3,300.00	.....	217.35
First	2,100.00	525.00	85.80
Seabrook	300.00	.....	27.00
Seaman	800.00	151.00	55.05
Towanda	50.00	50.00	11.10
Uda'l	75.00	.....	14.40
Wakefield	300.00	81.00	16.95
Wheaton	150.00	.....	9.45
*Whitewater	1,300.00	200.00	44.40
Wichita			
Fairm't.	2,400.00	600.00	78.00
Pilgrim	710.00	.....	35.40
Plym'th	6,050.00	1,262.50	216.90
Totals	$48,120.00	$7,618.73	

* Indicates 1952 Per Capita is paid. All amounts are listed for sake of complete record.

the lame excuses that many of you people think are good enough to serve as an alibi for not attending Church Parade.

"Imagine this, if you can. Reveille seven A.M. Squads on the parade ground. The sergeant barks out "Count fours". One! Two! Three! Number Four missing. Where's Private Smith?

"Oh," pipes up a chap by the vacant place, "Mr. Smith was too sleepy this morning to get up. He was out late last night and needed the sleep. He said to tell you that he would be with you in spirit."

"That's fine," says the sergeant. "Remember me to him."

"Where's Brown?" asks the sergeant.

"Oh," puts in another chap, "He's out playing golf. He gets only one day a week for recreation, and you know how important that is."

"Sure, sure," is the sergeant's cheerful answer. "Hope he has a good game. Where's Robison?"

"Robison," explains a buddy, "is sorry not to greet you in person. But he is entertaining guests today and of course couldn't come. Besides he was at drill last week."

"Thank you," says the sergeant, smiling. "Tell him he is welcome any time he is able to drop in."

"Honest, now, did any conversation like that ever happen in any army? Don't make me laugh. If any G.I. tried to pull that stuff he would get 20 days in the brig. Yet you hear stuff like that every week in the church, and said with a straight face, too."

"Like a mighty army! Why, if the church really moved like a mighty army, a lot of you folks would be court-martialed!"

"That was the general drift," said the pastor gleefully.

"Too bad the stay-aways didn't hear it," I remarked.

"Don't worry. I have it on a tape recorder, and I am going to spring it on them next Easter instead of the Second Lesson."

FORWARD MARCH

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Churchmanship School

Frank Korab, assisted by Neil Bartley of Country Club Church in Kansas City, Mo., will head up a Churchmanship School for the Kansas City area to be held at K.C. Ruby Avenue at 3 P.M., on Sunday, April 20. Laymen from the Kansas City, Mo., churches will cooperate in the program. There will be interest groups for trustees, deacons and others.